

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28 as follows:

With respect to providing a wide frequency range of operation for the attenuator tester in accordance with the invention, it is possible to ~~utilizing~~ utilize a microwave down-converter (for example of a type provided by the current assignee), which would enable the system to make measurements at about 40 GHz as if they were made at about 100 MHz. The current assignee's microwave down-converter stores correction (loss) factors spanning the frequency range of operation. This data accounts for non-linearity and distortions in measurements that would otherwise reduce accuracy.